GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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CONSERVATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MOUNDS EXCAVATED SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological mounds and important excavated sites of historical importance were protected by the ASI as a centrally protected monument;

(b) if so, the details thereof, circle-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated and spent during each of the last three years, till date;

(d) whether some of the archeological mounds protected by the ASI in the past were disposed or sold illegally with orwithout the knowledge of the ASI;

(e) if so, the details thereof, and the action taken against those erring officials;

(f) whether the Government propose to introduce any latest technical advancements for protecting the excavated remains from weathering and disintegration; and
g) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of work done in this regard, circle-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Details of centrally protected monuments/sites is available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The allocation and expenditure of funds in the ASI in the last three years is as follows:

Year	Allocation (in lakhs)	Expenditure (in lakhs)
1997-98	7985.00	7985.42
1998-99	9007.00	8963.33
1999-00	10507.00	10321.77

The allocation for 2000-01 is Rs.11738.00 lakhs

(d) As per available information no such case has been reported.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The Archaeological Survey of India relies on time tested methods to preserve theexcavated remains modified as per situation/specific requirement.

(g) Does not arise.